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CLERK: Alright, Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you going to read the amendment?

CLERK: Senator Venditte moves in Section two to strike reference to primary class city and insert "cities of the metropolitan class".

SPEAKER MARVEL: You've heard the...let's see, I have Senator Vickers, Hoagland and Venditte. Senator Venditte, shall we go to the other two? Do you want to make a comment? We're going to run out of time on the bill?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker, are there other lights on?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have about two...yes, Senator Vickers and Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, then I'd like to see the bill advance, Mr. Speaker....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well then I'll talk to them first.

SENATOR VENDITTE: ...and so I'll just relinquish my time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you have a comment on the...

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I do, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd just like to make this comment that I sat on the Education Committee and this bill came through with the bill written as it is, and as a result the city of Lincoln appeared at the Committee in opposition to this, and it seems to me that we changed this right here with this very simple innocuous amendment...we're changing the entire intent of that piece of legislation, and it seems to me that it's very wrong for us to do that here without giving the city of Omaha some chance to tell us their side of the story on this. Now maybe Senator Venditte knows exactly what's going on in the city of Omaha, which is more than I do perhaps, but I just would really object to this method of changing position entirely on this piece of legislation without any attempt to have a hearing or anything of nature, so I strenuously object to Senator Venditte's amendment.